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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/8/03; 1/9/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-22 and 24-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12-22 and 24-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to Amendment B, filed 12/8/2003.
2. Claims 1-10, 12-22, and 24-28 are pending in this application. In Amendment B, claims 1, 13, and 24-25 are amended and claims 11 and 23 are cancelled. This action is made non-final after a filed Request for Continued Examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-5, 12-17, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Thuyen Le et al. ("A new flexible architecture for variable length DC targeting shape-adaptive transform") in view of Mogi et al. (U.S. 6,687,724).

Re claim 1, Thuyen Le et al. disclose a method comprising a multiplying a matrix "[A]" (Cn) by a matrix "[X]" (x(n)) to obtain a matrix "[Y]" (yn) (as seen in equations 1-2 and left column page 1950 lines 5-18) wherein multiplication operations within a matrix "[A]" are paired (Figure 1 and left column page 1951 lines 3-7 wherein plurality of multiplications are performed by plurality of CFMB modules and the plurality of CFMB modules are parallel; CFMB-0 & CFMB-1; CFMB-2 & CFMB-3). Thuyen Le et al. do not disclose the method is implemented using machine-implemented Packed

Multiply and Add (PMADDWD) instructions. However, Mogi et al. disclose in Figure 2 a PMADDWD instruction (col. 2 lines 5-16). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to implement the using PMADDWD instructions as seen in Mogi et al.'s invention into Thuyen Le et al.'s invention because it would enable to increase the system performance by executing multiple data simultaneously.

Re claim 2, Thuyen Le et al. further disclose in equation 2 that a matrix "[A]" ($C(n)$) is factored into a butterfly matrix "[B]" (F of equation 3), a shuffle matrix "[S]" (S of equation 7), and a multiplication matrix "[M]" (P of equation 4); and wherein multiplication operations within multiplication matrix "[M]" are grouped for simultaneous execution (as seen in Figure 1).

Re claim 3, Thuyen Le et al. further disclose at least one n-point discrete cosine transform is performed (left column in page 1950 lines 8-10).

Re claim 4, Thuyen Le et al. further disclose multimedia compression is performed (left column in page 1949 lines 1-5 of introduction section).

Re claim 5, Thuyen Le et al. further disclose at least one SA-DCT is performed (right column in page 1949 lines 1-6 and left column in page 1950 lines 1-6 of algorithm for variable length DCT section).

Re claim 12, Thuyen Le et al. further disclose implemented using at least one of VLSI, single processor, and vector processing (right column in page 1949 lines 9-15).

Re claim 13, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 1. Thus, claim 13 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 1.

Re claim 14, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 2. Thus, claim 14 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 2.

Re claim 15, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 3. Thus, claim 15 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 3.

Re claim 16, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 4. Thus, claim 16 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 4.

Re claim 17, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 5. Thus, claim 17 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 5.

Re claim 24, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 12. Thus, claim 24 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 12.

Re claim 25, it has the same limitation as cited in claim 3. Thus, claim 25 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 3.

Re claim 26, it has the same limitation as cited in claim 5. Thus, claim 26 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 5.

Re claim 27, it has the same limitation as cited in claim 12. Thus, claim 27 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 12.

5. Claims 6-8 and 18-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Thuyen Le et al. ("A new flexible architecture for variable length DCT targeting shape-adaptive transform") in view of Mogi et al. (U.S. 6,687,724), as applied to claims 1 and 13 respectively above, in further view of Huang (U.S. 5,610,849).

Re claims 6-8, Thuyen Le et al. in view of Mogi et al. do not disclose at least one n-point IDCT/SA-IDCT is performed for multimedia decompression. However, Huang discloses in Figure 1 that the same hardware configuration can be used either for DCT/IDCT in multimedia for compression and decompression. In addition, the IDCT/SA-IDCT is just the inversed process of DCT/SA-DCT. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to add the IDCT/SA-IDCT process as seen in Huang's Figure 1 into Thuyen Le et al. in view of Mogi et al.'s invention because it would enable the operator to retrieve the approximate original data back after manipulating.

Re claim 18, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 6. Thus, claim 18 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 6.

Re claim 19, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 7. Thus, claim 19 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 7.

Re claim 20, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 8. Thus, claim 20 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 8.

6. Claims 9-10, 21-22, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Thuyen Le et al. ("A new flexible architecture for variable length DCT targeting shape-adaptive transform") in view of Mogi et al. (U.S. 6,687,724), as applied to claims 1, 13, and 27 respectively above, in further view of William Smith ("Subword extensions for video processing on mobile systems").

Re claims 9-10, Thuyen Le et al. in view of Mogi et al. do not disclose the above method is implemented using single instruction multiple data SIMD operations and MMX operations. However, William Smith discloses in the non-patent document a method of processing information using the SIMD instruction (page 13 providing video-over-wireless paragraphs) and the MMX instruction (page 15 matrix math extensions paragraphs). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention is made to implement the whole computation in a SMID operation and MMX operations as seen in William Smith's invention into Thuyen Le et al. in view of Mogi et al.'s invention because it would enable to increase the system performance by executing multiple data simultaneously and efficiently in matrix format.

Re claim 21, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 9. Thus, claim 21 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 9.

Re claim 22, it is a readable storage medium claim of claim 10. Thus, claim 22 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 10.

Re claim 28, it has the same limitation as cited in claim 9. Thus, claim 28 is also rejected under the same rationale in the rejection of rejected claim 9.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 12-22, and 24-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. U.S. Patent No. 5,621,674 to Gray et al. disclose a computer implemented method for compressing 24 bit pixels to 16 bit pixels.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (703) 305-5655. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (703) 305-9662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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